



# ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## **HB 2281: ELL instruction; dual language programs**

**PRIME SPONSOR:** Representative Norgaard, LD 18

**BILL STATUS:** [Education](#)

### **Legend:**

ELL – English Language Learner

SBE – State Board of Education

SEI – Structured English Immersion

Amendments – **BOLD** and ~~Stricken~~ (Committee)

### **Abstract**

Relating to ELL requirements.

### **Provisions**

1. Removes the four-hour requirement for ELL students in the first year of instruction who are enrolled in a dual language program in their school. (Sec. 1)
2. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1)

### **Current Law**

All children in Arizona's public schools are required to be taught English by having classes taught in English language classrooms. Children who are identified as ELL are directed to be educated through SEI during a temporary transition that is not intended to exceed one year. Once ELL students have acquired a good working knowledge of English and can do regular school work in English, they are no longer classified as ELL and are directed to be placed in an English language mainstream classroom ([A.R.S. § 15-752](#)). SBE is charged with adopting research-based models of SEI programs for school district and charter school use. Models are required to take into account district size, location, grade levels and the number and percentage of ELL students. SBE is additionally charged with developing a separate model for first year ELL students that requires at least four hours per day of English language development ([A.R.S. § 15-756.01](#)).

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☐ Prop 108 (40 votes)

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